

# Cartoons for the Classroom

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## Botched execution brings notoriety



John Cole, Scranton Times Tribune / Courtesy of AAEC

### Talking points

1. How does John Cole's cartoon tie a 1950s musical to a 2014 execution?
2. What is Bruce Plante saying his fellow Oklahomans should feel?
3. What happened in the botched execution?
4. Are some execution methods really more "humane" than others? Why?
5. How many nations have banned capital punishment? Why did they ban it?
6. Which were the first and last U.S. states to ban the death penalty?

### Between the lines

"I really don't care if it's by lethal injection, by the electric chair, firing squad, hanging, the guillotine or being fed to the lions."

- Oklahoma Rep. Mike Christian.

[http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2014/05/in\\_nations\\_most\\_active\\_death-p.html](http://www.nola.com/politics/index.ssf/2014/05/in_nations_most_active_death-p.html)

### Additional resources

More by John Cole

<http://editorialcartoonists.com/cartoon/browse.cfm/ColeJ>

More by Bruce Plante

<http://editorialcartoonists.com/cartoon/browse.cfm/PlantB/>

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By Bruce Plante, Tulsa World / Courtesy of AAEC